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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Throw open the great doors. Let the standard bearers raise their flags. Mount the steps of this city built around the Hill, for he comes.

Prepare the Rotunda. Command the military to stand at attention. Let the people of the Nation and the world gather, for he comes.

Human mortality and dignity is framed for us at this moment, Lord, as a great man awakens from his sleep and enters Your new day.

May both Chambers and all parties, rich and poor alike, with all our greatness and all our frail diversity, prepare ourselves to welcome the 40th President of the United States. Echoes of Psalm 24 resound within us, O Lord, as we receive today the body of Ronald Wilson Reagan.

As he rests in our midst, may the memory of his warm smile melt our differences with candor and humor. May the openness of his faith in an optimistic tomorrow become promise for us all. May the cold walls of indifference and superiority crumble before our eyes. Be with us, Lord, as he sheds the "surly bonds of Earth" and we prepare President Ronald Reagan and ourselves to touch Your face, O God. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GREEN of Texas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a concurrent resolution of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 116. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

### RONALD W. REAGAN

(Mr. FOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor as my colleagues have before me saddened by the death of one of our Nation's greatest leaders and humbled by the far-reaching impact his life has had on millions of people throughout the world. He was a great man and a gentle spirit. Optimistic, cheerful in service and buoyed by the confidence that comes with unwavering conviction, President Reagan reignited the feeling of promise for this country.

Ronald Reagan is the reason I became a Republican. And for many Democrats, he was the pathway to the Republican Party. He reminded us all that government cannot replace individual empowerment and told us in 1995 that every dollar the Federal Government does not take from us, every decision it does not make for us will make our economy stronger, our lives more abundant, and our future more free.

We join together with people across the globe in mourning the loss of Ron-

ald Reagan. His decisive leadership during the twilight years of the Cold War indeed made him a beacon of hope for freedom-loving people throughout the world.

Our thoughts and prayers and our love go out to Mrs. Reagan and the entire family. Because of Ronald Reagan our Nation is stronger and our future is more free. Here we honor him and are continually working toward the dreamed-of-day he spoke of when no one wields a sword and no one drags a chain.

### TEXAS AIR NATIONAL GUARD 147TH FIGHTER WING DINING-OUT

(Mr. GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the men and women of the 147th Fighter Wing of the Texas Air National Guard, the Ace-in-the-Hole Texans, for inviting me to speak at their annual Dining Out recently in Houston.

The 147th Fighter Wing is based at Ellington Field in Houston, Texas. Every day the 147th continues to guard the skies over Houston and our Nation and protect the millions of residents in southeast Texas from drug traffickers, terrorists, and other airborne threats. They are on call 24/7 and keep guard over the fourth largest city in the United States and the vital energy infrastructure that powers our Nation.

They also perform an essential readiness mission by training many of our Nation's pilots as they prepare to protect our national interest overseas.

Houston is fortunate to have such a committed and patriotic group of men and women living and working in our community.

In addition to giving me the chance to meet many of the individuals of the 147th Fighter Wing, it was also an

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